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SUBJECT: LOS: RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

REF: STATE 188840

1. EMBASSY OFFICER RAISED MAIN POINTS REFTEL AND DELIVERED AIDE-
MEMOIRE TO GOS FOREIGN MINISTRY (DOUDOU DIOP, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL
AFFAIRS AND MEMBER OF GOS DELEGATION TO THE RESUMED LOS CONFERENCE).
DIOP RESPONDED THAT THE IRISH FORMULA FOR DEFINING THE OUTER LIMIT
TO THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WAS NOT INIMICAL TO SENEGAL'S INTERESTS
BUT THAT THE DRAWBACK TO THE FORMULA WAS ITS COMPLEXITY. DIOP
SAID THAT MANY MEMBERS OF T Z GOUP OF 77 WHICH DID NOT HAVE LARGE
SPECIALIZED LOS DELEGATIONS DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE IRISH FORMULA
AND COULD BE ATTRACTED TO THE RUSSIAN FORMULA BECAUSE IT HAD THE
VIRTUE OF BEING EASILY UNDERSTOOD. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BROAD
MARGIN STATES PUSHING THE IRISH FORMULA WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO
HOLD SEVERAL SESSIONS WITH GROUP OF 77 COUNTRIES JUST TO EXPLAIN
FORMULA.

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2. SENEGALESE DELEGATION TO THE RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION WILL
BE HEADED BY ALIOUNE SENE, RECENTLY NAMED GOS AMBASSADOR TO
THE SPECIALIZED UN AGENCIES IN GENEVA. SENE HAD BEEN MINISTER
OF CULTURE, A POSITION OF PRESTIGE HERE BECAUSE OF THE
IMPORTANCE ACCORDED TO IT BY POET-PRESIDENT SENGHOR.
PREVIOUSLY, SENE HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE (1963-65) AND
TO THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (1965-68). SENE, A LAWYER BY

TRAINING, AND A MODERATE IN HIS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

3. THE SENEGALESE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 13 FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF PREPARATORY MEETINGS WITH GROUP OF 77 COUNTRIES.
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